

Department of Defense

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(C) *Connection charge, refundable.* Use a refundable connection charge when the supplier refuses to provide the facilities based on lack of capital or published rules which prohibit providing up-front funding. The contract should provide for refund of the connection charge within five years unless a longer period or omission of the refund requirement is authorized by the service power procurement officer or designee.

(D) *Connection and service charges, nonrefundable.* The Government may pay certain nonrefundable, non-recurring charges including service initiation charges, a contribution in aid of construction, membership fees, and charges required by the supplier's rules and regulations to be paid by the customer. If possible, consider sharing with other than Government users the use of (and costs for) facilities when large nonrefundable charges are required.

(iv) *Construction and labor requirements.* (A) Do not use the connection charge provisions for the installation of Government-owned distribution lines and facilities. The acquisition of such facilities must be authorized by legislation and accomplished in accordance with FAR Part 36. Also, do not use the connection charge provisions for the installation of new facilities related to the supplier's production and general "backbone" system unless authorized by legislation.

(B) Construction labor standards ordinarily do not apply to construction accomplished under the connection charge provisions of this part. However, if installation includes construction of a public building or public work as defined in FAR 36.102, construction labor standards may apply.

241.203 GSA assistance.

The General Services Administration (GSA) has delegated to DoD the authority to enter into utility service contracts (see FAR 41.103); therefore, contracting officers need not seek assistance or approval from GSA.

241.205 Separate contracts.

(a)(i) Requests for proposals shall state the anticipated service period in terms of months or years. Where the period extends beyond the current fiscal year, evaluate offers of incentives for a definite term contract.

(ii) The solicitation may permit offerors the choice of proposing on the basis of—

(A) A definite term not to exceed the anticipated service period; or

(B) An indefinite term contract.

(iii) Where the expected service period is less than the current fiscal year, the solicitation shall be on the basis of an indefinite term contract.

(iv) Contracts for utility services for leased premises shall identify the lease document on the face of the contract.

(d) Use an indefinite term utility service contract when it is considered to be in the Government's best interest to—

(i) Have the right to terminate on a 30-day (or longer) notice. A notice of up to one year may be granted by an installation if needed to obtain a more favorable rate, more advantageous conditions, or for other valid reasons; or

(ii) Grant the supplier the right to terminate the contract when of benefit to the Government in the form of lower rates, larger discounts or more favorable terms and conditions.

241.270 Preaward contract review.

Departments/agencies shall conduct their owned preaward contract reviews.

Subpart 241.5—Solicitation Provision and Contract Clauses

241.501-70 Additional clauses.

(a) If the Government must execute a superseding contract and capital credits, connection charge credits, or termination liability exist, use the clause at 252.241-7000, Superseding Contract.

(b) Use the clause at 252.241-70001, Government Access, when the clause at FAR 52.241-5, Contractor's Facilities, is used.